

SPECIAL ELECTION FOR COUNTY COMMISSION SEAT CALLED FOR MARCH 21

The Fayette County Board of Elections has issued the call for a Special Election for the purpose of filling the unexpired term of Post 1 County Commissioner A. G. VanLandingham. Mr. VanLandingham passed away recently after a lengthy battle with cancer. The term will expire December 31, 2008.

The Special Election will be held March 21. Candidates for this vacant seat must live within an area known as Road District 1, which includes an area in and around the City of Fayetteville, east to the county line, and much of the north Fayette area. The five County Commissioners in Fayette County are part-time elected officials who serve four-year terms. The salary is \$20,307.42 per year plus the possibility of earning an additional \$100 per month upon completion of a training program designed specifically for County Commissioners in Georgia.

The Special Election will *not* include a Primary Election. All candidates will be listed on one ballot but political party affiliation is required by law to be indicated on the ballot for each candidate. A candidate must receive 50% plus one vote in order to avoid a run-off election with another candidate. If a run-off election is needed, the date is April 18.

Qualifications for Office of County Commissioner

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age
- Must have resided in Fayette County at least 12 months prior to the date of the election
- Must be a resident of the Post 1 road district at time of qualification
- Must be a registered voter
- Must have not been convicted and sentenced for any felony unless rights of citizenship have been restored by a pardon from the State Board of Pardons and Paroles

Qualifying to Run

- Begins Monday, January 9, 2006, 8:30 AM
- Ends Friday, January 13, 2006, 12:00 Noon
- Qualifying Fee: \$609.22
- Where? Board of Elections Office, Suite 208, 140 Stonewall Avenue West, Fayetteville
- Qualifying form requires party affiliation to be listed

Voting

- The last day to register to vote in the Special Election is February 21, 2006
- On Election Day, all 36 polling places will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.
- Advance voting will be held in the Elections Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday, March 13 through Friday March 17

For additional information concerning the Special Election, please contact the Board of Elections Office at 770.460.5730 Ext. 5138.

For information concerning the duties and responsibilities of County Commissioners, please contact Carol Chandler at 770.460.5730 Ext. 5101 or find information on this website under Board of Commissioners.